

## In the parking lot:

- Always park where there is plenty of light from the store to your car.
- Memorize where you park so you can find it when your ready to leave.
- If you don't feel safe, ask for a security escort.
- Keep all your valuables and new purchases in the trunk of the car.
- Ensure your car is locked at all times.
- Locate your keys and have them in your hand before heading to your car.
- Be aware of your surroundings as you walk to your car.



For more personal safety tips go to **[www.wdm-ia.com](http://www.wdm-ia.com)** on the Crime Free Neighborhood page.

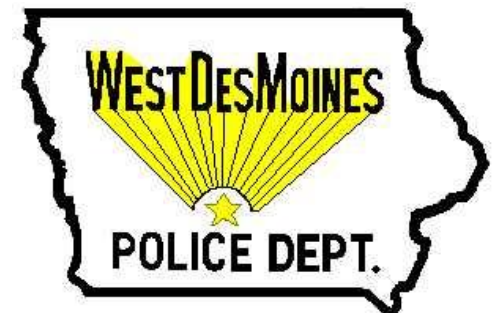


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# Shopping Safety



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## ATM Machine Safety

- Use ATM in a well populated area.
- Always pay attention to what's going on around you.
- If possible go during the day time.
- If you go at night, find one that is well lit and visible to others.
- If you don't have a good feeling about the location or someone is lurking around it, pass it by and find another ATM.



## At The Store

- Shop during daylight hours, if that's not possible take someone with you.
- Don't wear expensive jewelry.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Try to shop when stores are less crowded.
- Consolidate your packages.
- Beware of any stranger approaching you for any reason.
- Keep an eye on children.
- Teach kids to find a security officer, police officer, or go to the customer service desk if they get lost.



- Do **NOT** leave your pocketbook in the cart while you unload it.

- Make sure you receive all receipts since they usually contain personal information.

- Pay for purchases with a credit card or check if possible.



- Do **NOT** carry large amounts of cash.

- Keep all cash in a front pocket.
- Try to avoid carrying your checkbook, cash, and credit cards in one place.
- Make sure you receive your credit card after making a purchase.
- Keep a record of all credit cards, their numbers, and how to reach customer service in case they are stolen or lost.
- Keep your receipts and check them against your monthly credit card statements.
- Avoid carrying a wallet or purse, if possible.
- If you must carry a hangbag, keep it tucked tightly under your arm. Do **NOT** let it dangle from your shoulder, it creates a prime target for criminals.